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### **EDTA CHELATION FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE**

The Montana Board of Medical Examiners is aware that chelation "therapy", using EDTA, continues to be administered in some communities as treatment for cardiovascular disease.

A recent paper entitled "Chelation Therapy for Intermittent Claudication, a Double-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Trial" was published in Circulation, September 1994. The authors of this study concluded that chelation has no significant effects over placebo in patients with intermittent claudication.

The Medical Letter reviewed this topic in May of 1994 and concluded that there is no acceptable evidence that chelation with EDTA is effective for treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Currently, the only important evidence the chelation with EDTA is for the treatment of lead poisoning.

The Board's review of recognized current scientific publications indicates that chelation therapy has no proven efficacy in the treatment of cardiovascular disease, and in some patients could be injurious.